PHILLIES CLASH WITH PIRATES IN FINAL—RACE IN SCHOLASTIC BASEBALL LEAGUE

BATTING SLUMP OF PHILLIES MAY SOON COST LEAGUE LEAD

Whole Team Weak With the Willow-Luderus and Killefer Needed to Bolster Club-Sensational Fielding of Pirates Robs Moran's Men of Victory.

The batting slump of Cravath was a bad enough handicap to the Phillies, but it seems that the slump has become general and it is only a matter of a day or two before the team will be out of first place unless there is a sudden brace. Aside from Whitted, Luderus and Killefer every man on the team is batting far below his normal speed, and as the big first baseman and star catcher are both out of the game the team's attack is woefully weak.

While there is naturally good cause for werry over the threatened loss of first place, there are still plenty of good spets in the work of Moran's team. The pitchers continue to display grand form, and it is only a question of time before the club will start to bit.

Bobby Byrne may slow up considerably in the heat of summer, but that does not greatly affect his batting. He is a natural ,285 hitter, now going at about half that clip. Bancroft's natural speed cannot be gauged, because it is his first attempt in major league ball; but he is far below the form he showed in the early part of the season. Beals Becker, runner-up to Jake Daubert for the National League batting championship last season, is struggling around the .200 mark. Cravath yesterday showed signs of coming out of his costly slump, but he owns an average of .257, which is a miserable mark for one of his prowess.

Batting Must Come to Aid of Phillies

Last season Bert Nichoff was one of the best clubbers in the league, although he did not hit 300. He was one of the lengue's most timely hitters and ranked fourth in the number of runs driven in, but this season he has not come through with his usual timely drives. Paskert continues in the wlump that gripped him in 1914, and is at the .200 mark, with apparently little chance of finding himself until the warm weather arrives.

This makes it apparent that the Phillies have won most of their victories through the timely hitting of Whitted, Luderus and Killefer, with an occasional long wallop by Cravath or Becker,

Natural hitters will not stay in a slump long, though the continued postponement of Gravath's return to form has caused much anxiety. But the Phillies may be counted upon to come through strongly in the near future. The one department that was picked as a fizzle-the pitching corps-has more than held up its end, and if it continues at its present rate the Phillies must stay up close to the top, even with the batting slump general.

Al Demaree pitched a good game of ball yesterday, but was beaten through poor support. Three runs were tallied by the Pirates when one should have been the limit. But these runs, all that Pittsburgh amassed, were enough to win the game. The official scorer did not credit the Phillies with a misplay in this round, but if ever two men deserved errors, Niehoff and Paskert did for their plays in that inning.

Paskert and Niehoff Make Costly Bobbles

With one run in, a man on third and a man on first in this session, Demaree caught Schang napping off first. Whitted played his man wrong with Gerber on third, but even then the Phillies would have pulled out all right if Niehoff had thrown well to the plate when Gerber tried to score. Nichoff had plenty of time to make a good throw, but the ball went fully 10 feet to the right of the plate and Gerber had no trouble scoring. A double steal was recorded, whereas an easy out should have been registered.

With two out, Carey raised an easy fly to short centre field. Faskert played the hit carelessly and after making a bad misjudgment, finally muffed the ball, as it was necessary for him to dive for it. Muffing the ball might have been excused had it not been for the poor judgment and apparent carelessness. This allowed the third run to score, and these tallies clinched the

Bob Harmon was hit hard throughout the game, but he either tightened up or his support came through just at the right time. Carey and Baird made spectacular catches, while the work of Wagner and Viox around second was sensational to say the least. Brilliant plays are naturally expected from Wagner, even if he is an "old man," but Viox is looked upon as a poor fielder, and his handling of ground balls and fast pivoting for double plays were a distinct shock to the fans.

Wagner Looked Like the Wagner of Old

In the opening game of the series Wagner looked slow in comparison with the Wagner of old, and most likely he will look mighty slow before the end of the season, but he was certainly a lively man yesterday. The big Teuton accepted 14 chances without an error, and many of them were of the hardest sort. His handling of two thrown balls with returns to Johnston for double plays were high-class bits of highway robbery,

Manager Clarke's shift in his line-up was unquestionably responsible for the victory. He switched Baird to centre field in place of Costello and sent Gerber to third. Baird pulled down two flies with men on bases that would almost surely have been lost by Costello, who misjudges half of the drives to his territory, while a fine stop and throw to Schang by Gerber cut off a Philly run at the plate in the eighth inning.

Was Carey Right and Cravath Wrong?

A play turned up in yesterday's game that caused much discussion in the stands. Carey singled sharply to right field and naturally turned first.

At the end of a month's play we still figure the Braves as the most formidable National League entry. They still look to have better possibilities for power in at a good clip. Cravath threw the ball to Whitted, who was really taken by attack and stanchness on defense. When Rudolph, James and Tyler get going, as surprise. As soon as Carey saw Cravath throwing to Whitted he continued to second, but was nailed by Whitted's quick throw to Bancroft. It was a close play and Carey almost got away with it.

The questions were: Should Carey have gone to second and should Cravath have thrown the ball to first?

There are many ways of looking at the play, and what was passing in the minds of the players figures largely in the argument. For instance, Cravath may have figured that he would catch Carey napping, as it is unusual to throw the ball to first when a man apparently has no chance to catch the runner. Carey may have looked for just the sort of a play that came up and turned first farther than is generally the case, simply to draw this throw. It was a most interesting question, and two fans even went so far as to make a wager on which player was right, leaving it to another to decide. He decided that Carey should not have gone to second, but the decision was probably wrong

To the initiated it appeared that Cravath made a foolish mistake in throwing the ball to first. A man will not be caught napping on a play of this sort once in a season, whereas wild throws are frequently made which allow a runner an extra base simply because the first baseman is caught napping, and so is the catcher who fails to back up the play,

It seems that Carey was right in going to second, as it took two perfect relays and a clever tagger to retire a runner of Carey's ability, and three absolutely perfect plays are seldom made under such conditions.

Faber's 67-Ball Mark Two Short of Mathewson Record A report from Chicago states that Urban Faber, Rowland's sensational young pitcher, had broken a world's record when he retired Washington in

nine innings by pitching only 67 balls, but this is incorrect. The report stated that this broke a mark made by Mathewson several seasons ago. Faber did break one mark set by Mathewson, but the New York marvel still holds the record. He threw but 65 balls in defeating the Phillies in a

game in this city in 1911. This mark is absolutely accurate, because there was hardly a scribe in the press box that afternoon who was not counting the number of balls pitched, because in the previous series Sam Crane, of the New York Journal, contended that Matty had thrown but 69 balls in beating Brooklyn.

Faber's mark is vouched for only because that was the number of balls recorded on an electric scoreboard in town, which might possibly have missed many foul balls that were made after two strikes had been called on the batter, as these had no direct bearing on the figures placed on the board.

Contract Jumpers Constant Source of Trouble

When the St. Louis American League Club induced Earl Hamilton and George Baumgartner to jump their contracts with the Federal League it was predicted that Mr. Hedges was storing up trouble for himself, and the prediction is bearing fruit. Hamilton and Baumgartner were held to the American League only by the reserve clause—since declared filegal—and signed fron-clad Federal League documents, which they procedeed to break.

Instead of allowing a dissatisfied player to jump and consider themselves well rid of a burden, the Browns went after both men and, by offering ridiculously high salaries, induced them to return. Neither man has been of any use to the Browns since. They have iron-clad contracts and figured they could do as they pleased. They were both fined \$500 and suspended indefinitely by Manager Rickey within the last week.





"FANNING" WITH GRANTLAND

The Original "Wondrous Wise" One There was a man in our club,

And he was wondrous wise; When he was beaten in a game He had no alibis. He never whined that dismal luck Had handed him a cuff; He merely said "I did my best— But that was not enough."

There was a bloke in our club, And he had quite a brain; His short end of the score— Or any such refrain; He merely said in answer to His short end of the score:
"While I had something on the ball,
The other guy had more."

The Western Arising

Last season the West had no entry among the first three clubs in the American League and only one among the first three in the National. Miller Huggins pushed his Cardinals up to third place, but outside of this the West was very much to the piffle in a baseball way.
But 1915 has brought on a decided change. Certainly no two clubs in the East now have a better chance to win the A. L. banner than Detroit or Chi-CARO. And in the National League it would be no great surprise to see at least two Western clubs, including the Cubs, give the Braves a merry little setto, as the phrase goes

After a Month's Play

they almost surely will, and with Evers back on guard, Boston's cause will be well defended.

But in the American League the once heralded predominance of the Red Sox is not quite what it looked to be. The Red Sox will need all the speed they can carry to nose out White Sox and Tigers, and there is a stirring possibility that these clubs will round into the stretch pon even terms, only a span apart.

On the Other Paw

Still, we are guessing for the most part, while Fan-fan says he knows. "I pre-dicted," he writes, "Walsh's downfall, Johnson's worst senson last year (this one will be still worse) and that the Braves would win the pennant as far back as July, 1914. Using this same dope system, I forecast the following October American League-Philadelphia 1.3

Detroit, 1-2; Washington, 3; Chicago, 4; Boston, 5; New York, 6; Cleveland, 7; St.

National League-Chicago, 1; Boston, New York, 3; Cincinnati, 4; Brooklyn, Philadelphia, 6; Pittsburgh, 7; St. Louis, 8."
And there you are. Collect your bets

Asking Another Why know why a fan given the war whoon

When an Indian enters the stall; When a spectator catches the ball?

Wilding

When Anthony Wilding played in his last international championship the shadow was even then upon him. We have often wondered if he was not thinking of this in his last brilliant matches ng of this in his last primare, with McLoughlin and Williams.

He knew then that the greatest of all wars was on. And he knew, too, that

with his duty finished on the lawn tennis courts his place would be at the front o' another game where the service was shrapnel and the volleying was whistling lead—and the finish probably death. To those who saw and cheered the

NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK PHILLIES VS. PITTSBURGH GAME AT 8:30 P. M. Admission, 25c, 50c and 15c. Box Seals, 21. On sale at Gimbels' and Spaidings'.

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad & Bainbridge MONDAY NIGHT, 8:30 SHARP JOE HEFFERNAN vs. JOE HIRST Adm. 15c. Bal. Res. 50c. Arens Res. 75c, \$1.

wonderful looking Briton at Forest Hills last summer the war comes close. It is hard to realize that such a man is today merely "dust returning unto dust" that his shadow will no longer fall across

One by one-and it was Wilding's turn. Whatever the field-in peace or war-he played the game out, regardless of the The laurel belongs with the myrtle above his final sleep.

the court and that his brain, staming and courage no longer belong to the race

This country may not be prepared for war-in one way-but in another there are five million between the ages of 18 and 40 who have followed the outdoor trail in baseball, football, golf, tennis and track work already in a fair way to be moulded into a well conditioned machine.

At the end of the first month over a million fans had deposited their kale at the turnstiles in the National and Ameri-can Leagues. The old game may be can Leagues. The old game may be wavering a trifle, but it is still far from being extinct.

Add to the Finnegin Club of the Off-gain-on-again Association, Vardon, Duncan and Ray.

Here's hoping they negotiate the Atlantic Ocean for an easy carry and land with plenty of back spin upon American

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DEVON HORSE SHOW MAY 27, 28, 29, 31

MAYER, PIRATES' JINX, IS SLATED TO PITCH IN WIND-UP CONTEST

Chalmers Also Ready If Needed in Final Game Against Pittsburgh-Luderus and Killefer Expected in Battle Today.

Erskine Mayer probably will be sent against the Pirates this afternoon instead of George Chaimers, who has been the logical choice for pitching duty for the last three days. Chalmers is unusually effective against St. Louls, and it is probable that Moran will send him against Huggins' men in the second game of the series with Alexander opening the séries. Mayer has generally found the Pirates rather easy and blanked them three times last season. The side-arm expert has been worked a trifle hard lately and his warm-up for relief pitching yesterday may have been enough to cause Manager nay have been enough to cause Manager

Moran to select Chalmers for today, Disappointed at the batting slump of the entire team, Manager Moran had the hous out in uniform early today and the butting work was much longer than usual. With the return of Luderus the offense will be much stronger. Luderus was slated to return yesterday, but after a morning work-out he was far from being in shape. It is likely that Killefer will return today, although Eddie Burns' will return today, although Eddie Burns' work yesterday was high class. Burns is fast convincing Manager Moran that he is one of the best hitters on the team. Either Al Mamaux or "Babe" Adams will be Clarke's selection for mound duty, depending entirely on how they look in the warming-up process.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN

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Gincinnati		12	.478	.500	458
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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

American League

National League Chicago at Brooklyn, clear. Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, clear

No games scheduled for today. Federal League Brooklyn at Baltimore, clear. Newark at Buffalo, clear. Chicago at Pittsburgh, clear. Only games today

International League Buffalo at Jersey City, clear Toronto at Newark, clear. Rochester at Richmond, clear Montreal at Providence, clear

RUNS SCORED BY MAJORS THIS WEEK

NATIONAL LEAGUE, Sua. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thu AMÉRICAN LEAGUE. 3 10 Sun Mon Tues, Wed Thur To'l FEDERAL LEAGUE. Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thur. To'l.

ATHLETICS WILL REST TODAY TO BROOD OVER DEFEAT

Good Game Kicked Away to St. Louis in the Ninth.

ST. LOUIS, May H .- The Athletics and Browns are idle today, which will give the Mackmen much time to kick themselves for tossing away an easy victory yesterday. It looked like a cinch for Mack with a two-run lead up to the ninth inning, but Joe Bush grew careless. He passed a batter, allowed the base run-ners to take tremendous leads as he wound up and was generally ineffective in this final session, with the result that a

Browns won. Wally Schang, McInnis and Walsh also helped along by making errors of omis-sion and commission, in this same round. Altogether it was a mighty lucky victory for the Browns and a bad game for Athletics to lose.

WEST PHILLY TACKLES N. E. NINE IN CRUCIAL LEAGUE BATTLE TODAY

Speedboys Chance of Win ing Title Depends on Re sult of Game-Central and Catholic High Nine Also Clash.

Whether or not West Philadepa. High School's team is still in the rate be decided this afternoon when he decided this afternoon when he decided this afternoon when he drange and Blue nine lines up as Northeast High School, leader in the Interscholastic League race by half a mature of the Speed Boys remed the chances of the Speed Boys remed off with the champlonship.

A victory over Couch Alker's nine wigive the Red and Black an adventage over the slumping team of a same as a half. However, if the West Phills pull themselves together and "compared with a win, the Orange and Blue saw will spurt intofithe lead by half a way will appure in eligible from a scheme standpoint, prospects of bealing west Philly look bright. Barker in Keller are twirling to perfection, and at they show up in their winning Northese will annex its fourth championship of the season.

Central High School, out of the reseason.

season. Central High School, out of the ras for the title but making a hard bid for second place, will tackle Catholic High second place, will tackle Catholic Hirk School this afternoon on the latter and if the Crimson and Gold succeed in the teating Catholic and Northeast continue its hold on first place by downing West Philly, Coach Dr. O'Brien's team in be but half a game benind the by representing the school across the Schut, 1411.

kill.

Beside showing up well in the bet for Southern High School, although whas been given rank support. Sheffe ale has proven himself a reliable man with the willow. As a result, Coach Mile has been using him in the outfield what Sheffe is not slated to twin.

has been using him in the outfield was Sheffe is not slated to twir!

The University of Pennsylvania free-men mauled Harvey's delivery for favorum in the first inning of the match as Houston Field, but the Central lith School youngster's bad showing should not dishearten him any. In other games, Harvey displayed promising form and should develop into one of the Crimen and Gold mainstays for next season.

Another first-year pitcher who has been Another first-year pitcher who has bee twirling in exceptionally fine form a Gerhardt, of Germantown High Schot Although handleapped by weight, Ge-hardt has displayed a lot of stuff in he

Chick Gandil Draws Suspension CHICAGO, May 14.—First Baseman Chicagandii, of the Washington American as received word from President Johnson, of American League, that he had been repended for three days as the result of a sterectation with Umpire Chill. Gandii deputed one of Chill's decisions.



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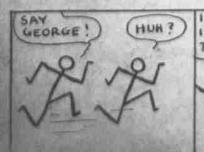
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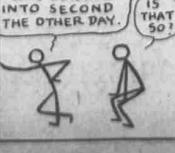
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